

Seebeck Deal Meets Failure

New York Stamp Design A Honey

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield announced the description of the 3c stamp being issued to commemorate the 300th anniversary of New York City. This special stamp will be placed on sale through the New York, N. Y. post office on November 20, in conjunction with the three day National Postage Stamp Show at the 71st Infantry Regiment Armory sponsored by the American Stamp Dealers Association.

The stamp will be 0.84 by 1.44 inches in dimensions, arranged horizontally in a shaded frame, printed by the rotary process, electric-eye perforated and issued in sheets of 50. The color of the stamp will be announced later. The printing of 110,000,000 New York City commemorative stamps has been authorized.

The overall design of the stamp is the artist's conception of the town of New Amsterdam during the period of its early settlement, with a Dutch ship anchored in the harbor. Forming the background is a light silhouette of the present day New York skyline.

In the upper left corner appears the lettering "Postage" in dark Gothic and directly beneath it the denomination "3c" in white face modified Roman and in the upper right hand corner is "U.S.A." in dark Gothic. The wording "300th Anniversary of New York City", in white face Gothic, is arranged across the bottom of the stamp.

Stamp collectors desiring first day cancellations of this stamp may send a reasonable number of addressed envelopes to the Postmaster at New York, New York, with money order remittance to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed. An enclosure of medium weight should be placed in each envelope and the flap either sealed or turned in. The outside envelope to the Postmaster should be endorsed "First Day Covers".

China Resorts To Printing Press

The Nationalist Chinese government on Formosa has resorted to surcharging to supply certain denominations to a dwindling stock of them. Basic stamps used are Scott type A101 picturing Cheng Ch'eng Kung (Toxinga).

On all the original value has been covered with an ornamental design and the new denomination printed in both English and Chinese characters. The basic \$1 blue has been given a surcharge in red of 3c; the 30c claret surcharged 10c in dark blue; and the \$1.60 ultramarine 20c in black.

The day of release of these is not known.

Rubber City Display Thanksgiving Week End

The Thanksgiving week end of November 28 and 29 has been chosen by the Rubber City Stamp Club of Akron, Ohio for its annual exhibition and bourse at the Mayflower Hotel.

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WHEN NEW YORK CITY WAS NEW AMSTERDAM. The stamp to be released November 20 to mark the 300th anniversary of the founding of New York City pictures the early settlement at the tip of Manhattan by the Dutch. Dimly in the background is the modern New York skyline. First day ceremonies are to be held at the 71st Infantry Regiment Armory, Park Ave. and 34th St. on the opening day of the American Stamp Dealers' Association Exhibition. Printing will be 110 million—color is to be announced later.

Italian Southern Provinces Visited In Current Chapter On Italian Workers Issue

by Bert Happ

CHAPTER XV

THE WORKERS ISSUE

The Shipyard—Liguria. (15L.)—Liguria, is a section of northern Italy on the west coast along the Gulf of Genoa, whose chief city is Genoa. It is the Italian Riviera.

Castle of Rapallo. Rapallo, a small seaport town on the gulf of Rapallo, one of the fine winter resorts of the Italian Riviera. On the SE side of the fishing harbor rises a medieval castle now used as a prison.

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The Fishing Net: A sort of purse seine is carried out by small boats and circled in the water off shore. The lines are brought to the beach and ten to twenty men put their shoulders through straps attached to the lines and haul the catch in.

The Bay of Naples. One of the most beautiful bays in the world, and great seaport of southern Italy. Naples was once the capital of the former Kingdom of Naples. The origin of the name is Greek, the Greeks founding Cumae on the bay of Puteoli (Pozzuoli) first, and then building Neapolis (the New City) nearby.

Vesuvius. For the past 300 years it has been the only active volcano near Naples. Its base is 30 miles around, and its height varies with eruptions from 3900 to 4300 feet. The NE peak is Mt. Somma, and the second Vesuvius proper.

Its activity dates from 63 AD when an earthquake did immense damage to Pompeii and Herculaneum. While this damage was still being repaired, on August, 24, 79 A.D., a terrific eruption blotted out these two cities.

Up to 1500, nine eruptions were recorded. December 16, 1631, there was another great eruption, killing 3000.

It has erupted in 1707, 1737, 1760, 1767, 1794, 1804, 1805, 1822, 1855, 1858, 1861, 1871, 1872, 1895, 1906, 1943 (during Allied occupation). 2000 years ago it was a peaceful mountain covered to the top with fertile fields and vineyards.

The top was a plain nine miles in circumference, where Spartacus and his men held at bay the army from Imperial Rome. The eruption of 1872 is reputed the worst since Pompeii, and poured down 20 million cubic yards of lava. The observatory on a rocky spur was surrounded but escaped damage.

The Oranges—Sicily (25L.)—Sicily, the island off the "toe" of the "boot" of Italy, is the largest of the Mediterranean islands having 10,000 square miles, with Palermo and Messina as principal cities. Its warm climate is conducive to the cultivation of citrus fruits. Colonized by the Greeks, seized by the Romans and later by the Saracens, since the 13th century it has had a varied political history.

Monte Pellegrino. Called by Goethe "the handsomest headland in the world", 2000 feet high, it is as characteristic of Palermo as Vesuvius is of Naples. It can be ascended from only one side, up which has been built a viaduct, similar to an ancient Roman work.

It was on this mountain that Hamilcar Barca, father of Hannibal, established his army and held of the Romans for three years. Monte Pellegrino, as the name indicates, has been for centuries a place of pilgrimage; at an elevation of 1500 feet stands the historic shrine of Santa Rosalia, patroness of Palermo. She was the niece of King Roger and at the age of 14 left her father and sought refuge from the world in a cave and dwelt there until her death, 1166-70.

In July 1624 when a plague was ravaging Palermo a man had a vision of a white dove which led him to the cave. Awakened he visited there and found the body of St. Rosalia in perfect preservation. The priest and people brought the body to Palermo in procession and on that date the plague ceased. A plain facade screens the Grotto, inside of which is a vestibule open (Continued on page 8)

Find New Types Commercial Advertisements On Backs Of Southern Nation's Seebecks

J. F. McGee

In Linn's of May 15, 1950, I described an Ecuadorian stamp of the 1895 Seebeck issue with a cracker advertisement on its back. It was a color proof of the 10-centavos value, and I stated then it could not be a fake imprint, which was produced to create a new variety to sell to collectors, as an original copy would have been employed.

Charles Glase, Reading, Pa., owned the above item and had sent it for my inspection and opinion. Mr. Glase is one of my correspondents, and has a specialized collection of Ecuadorian philatelic material, which includes postage stamps, postal stationery, revenues, covers, telegraphs, specimens, proofs and essays.

One of his recent purchases was three blocks of nine stamps each, which are of the 1895 Seebeck issue of Ecuador, the 20c, 50c and \$5 commercial of the original printing. Each of the nine stamps has a different advertisement on its back, and each block has the same ads in the identical positions.



I am happy to have this opportunity to write further on the subject. For in the previous article I stated that it was Australia that introduced the practice of selling the backs of postage stamps for advertising purposes.

I was wrong. It was New Zealand, and the stamps were of the 1882 and 1891-95 issues. I should have remembered that I once had a small lot of the stamps, each with a different ad.

Yes, it was the New Zealand government that sold the backs of its postage stamps to an advertising agent, and he in turn disposed of or rented the spaces for commercial advertisements to various business firms.

Seebeck was a stamp collector, and also had once been a New York dealer. He naturally would have been interested in the ads on the New Zealand stamps, especially from the profit end, as his company held contracts with the governments of Ecuador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Salvador to supply them with new and different types of stamps each year. These countries would have appeared to offer an extensive advertising field to exploit.

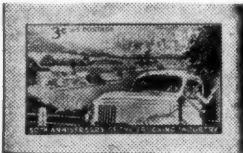
We know from the ads on Mr. Glase's blocks, that Seebeck was sufficiently impressed with the idea that he had commercial advertisements prepared, using well-known products as the subjects to plug, and then had the ads neatly printed on the backs of the stamps of the 1895 issues of Ecuador, as examples and talking points in efforts to sell the advertising privilege to publicity agents.

But the prospective buyer had a number of adverse factors to consider. The advertisements would have to be in Spanish, and the (Continued on page 8)

Truck, Driver Are Identified

There is one happy truck manufacturer in the United States, and he is president Joseph S. Sherer of the Reo Motor Car Co. Lansing, Mich.

It so happens that by intention or otherwise, the truck pictured on the forthcoming 50th Anniversary of the Trucking Industry stamp is an almost dead-ringer for a 1949 Reo.



And the driver is identified with much more argument as Ben Winterberger.

Thus collectors will have another instance where the person pictured on a postage stamp can be identified as an actual living human.

Most recent of such identification occurred when Fred W. Johnson, Washington, D. C. collector through patient research was able to name over fifty soldiers pictured on the Army commems of 1945. Linn's broke this news as an exclusive feature.

The truck and driver part of the picture on the Trucking stamp was taken of Winterberger and his Reo at the time he won the national Truck Roadshow in 1949. The automobile company used the picture extensively in advertising and other promotional work and is well known.

Difference between the actual picture and the stamp design is that the radiator grill is horizontal on the truck, and the name "REO" has been eliminated from the center spine between the grills.

With the 50th anniversary of the motor company coming up next year it can be expected that a sizeable quantity of this commem will be laid aside for advertising work.

Australia Subject Of Talk For Women

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Comments On Canadian Stamps, Past And Present

Lorne W. Benthall

As I mentioned in my previous column, I would devote this one to mainly revealing some highly interesting information pertaining to the way the first-day sale of the unrevised stamps of the King George VI issue in 1950 in Canada, was handled. In my opinion it was just a big headache for the officials as well as the many collectors. But—here's where it becomes complicated—there were a few dealers who capitalized on the event and made hay fast while it was good going.

By referring to it as complicated I mean that the situation was very difficult for collectors to know if they really got a first-day or not. In other words, with the Department issuing these stamps at different dates the officials were not trying to please philatelists. They never announced in advance the dates and when they were to be issued.

Just what I am trying to convey is this thought. The Post Office Department officials in Ottawa didn't want have to another first-day of sale of these unrevised stamps as they did have one special day set aside for the revised edition in 1949.

By coincidence when these unrevised stamps made their appearance in Canadian cities on different dates, I was writing for many philatelic publications as well as writing for the daily press and conducting a radio program. Many collectors just couldn't understand how the capital city of Canada—Ottawa—had the unrevised stamps on sale on January 20 whereas London, Ont., had them on sale on January 19.

That's what the Citizen Stamp Editor revealed to his many readers in Ottawa. In fact, he mentioned that he received a first-day cover from London, Ont., dated January 19, 1950.

Several collectors in Ottawa requested me to secure information as to whether or not this information was correct from London, since many Ottawa collectors had first-day covers from Ottawa postmarked January 20, 1950.

Well, I sent a telegram to the London postmaster seeking clarification of this date, as it seemed to be some misunderstanding. Later I received a letter from the postmaster revealing that they went on sale officially on January 20, the same day they were sold in Ottawa.

Well, with this information I really thought there must be something wrong somewhere so I took this letter to the Chief Postal Inspector, N. H. MacDonald, at that time. He said that there would be some investigation.

Meanwhile I had a friend, Allan Whalen, who was president of the Sandy Hill Community Club of Ottawa, and who was taking a course in Toronto with the Canadian Army.

From other sources I later learned that first-day covers of complete sets of these unrevised stamps were selling anywhere from \$1.50 to \$2.00 in Toronto. The set, incidentally, ranged from the 1c to the 5c denominations.

Learning this, I immediately got in touch with my friend Whalen and notified him in Toronto to secure for me at any price some samples as I was investigating this for the collectors.

He obliged me for he sent along a complete set for \$2.00. I took these along to the Chief Postal Inspector who took a dim view of the fact that they were postmarked the day previous they were to be sold to the public.

Chief Postal Inspector MacDonald told me that I would hear from him in a month's time as there was going to be a thorough investigation. And a month later I heard from him. In my opinion it was such a foolish answer the Postmaster from London, Ont., W. E. Pearson gave. Pearson stated that while Mr. Benthall was informed that the stamps officially went on sale on January 20, 1950, he neglected to tell him that there were 10,000 sets sold on the previous day which accounts for all these "famous" first day covers.

In other words, these first-day covers are not worth \$2.00 for a complete set. That's what they were selling for in 1950 and if any collector should be offered them today just refuse them at that price.

This columnist has an addition to his family. On September 18, at 9:35 in the morning in Arlington Hospital, Arlington, Virginia, his wife gave birth to a daughter. She came in at 9 pounds and four ounces and certainly has our stamp of approval. Probably, she will be another philatelist. Who knows?

This new textile industry stamp bears the design of a Toronto artist. It seems that the Canadian Postal authorities believe that Can-

ada has artists in Toronto only for there have been many designs of artists from that Canadian city appear on its stamps.

Sometimes I really wonder if the authorities are actually taping all the artistic talent in Canada. I am sure they are not. This new 50c textile industry stamp bears a design, in what is called modern art. You can have this modern art. I don't think that it is any more attractive than the art your parents and mine have been used to in the past.

I really believe that the Canadian Postal authorities should take a little more time in considering designs from artists. It will not be long when there will be some criticism raised that the Post Office Department is favoring one particular city.

If the officials consider this beauty, then they should ask themselves if they are actually blind to real beauty. I am sure they are.

New Zealand and Switzerland conduct contests every time they are considering a new issue. They tap the talents all over the country, not just concentrating on one small territory.

The officials in these two countries give cash prizes to the artists whose designs are accepted.

They contend that it's a cheap way of selling their country to the rest of world by having attractively designed postage stamps.

Auctions Reveal Avid Philatelic Interest

Starting an important series of auctions with a four-session general sale on September 14 to 17, H. R. Harmer, Inc., of New York City, were pleased to note a definite increase in mail-bidding activity. Sixty per cent of the United States and 72½ per cent of the general foreign lots selling to mail bidders.

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Harmer's second auction taking place on September 28, 29, 30, October 1 comprised a very attractive collection of the world, except British Commonwealth.

Interesting realizations included Bavarian 1849 1kr used (\$80)—\$60, another in deep black shade (\$100) — \$65; Chile air 1927 set (\$310) — \$205; Colombia air 1919 2c series variety on piece (\$750) — \$390; Norway 1854 4c, strip of four (right stamp torn) on letter (\$22) — \$165; Parma 1859 80c o.g. (\$90) — \$76.

Alaskans Choose Case As President

Some idea of the severity of the winters on the Islands of St. Pierre & Miquelon can be gained from the design of a 1938 stamp which pictures men harnessing a dogteam.

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Trees Make An Interesting Collection Of Topicals

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Trees are truly one of God's greatest gifts to man, and are seen as one of nature's stateliest and most graceful works, and are not only useful but serve also as a measure of adornment to the face of the earth. When a stamp collector decides to follow trees as a topic, he is in for many surprises, especially as to the vast field of information available for many countries have shown native trees on their issues.

In the history of trees we find perhaps the first we encounter is the apple tree, said not to appear on a stamp in tree form, but with the fruit and branches on a stamp of New Zealand (Scott Type A76).

The fig tree is mentioned 60 times in the Bible, and a look at the fig cactus is shown on an issue of Tripolitania (SP-45). A medicinal property of figs is related in the Bible's Book of Kings, where Isaiah prescribed a fig poultice for a dying king, and the treatment was so effective the king lived many more years.

The most significant stamp to head a collection in this day when the theme of freedom is on every tongue is surely the famous Charter Oak pictured on a United States commemorative (A249). It is on the Connecticut Tercentenary issue of 1935.

The story reads that in 1687 a Captain Wadsworth hid the Colonial Charter in the hollow of this tree, and today the spot is marked by a granite monument, the site of which is in the state's capital city, Hartford, Conn.

Other oaks are seen on a 1920 issue of Lithuania (A16) and on the colorful issue of 1919 from Germany (A23 and A24). This letter is a suggestive picture showing new shoots from an old stump symbolical of a new German government after the defeat in World War I. The once powerful Germany, had been cut down, and was obliged to take on new growth to survive as a nation.

On the U. S. Alaska Territory Issue of 1937 (A272) is the important spruce which is the source of the wood pulp used in making paper. This tree gives us a wood that is soft and also less resinous than the well known pine. Though an evergreen it is surpassed by the cone bearing evergreens of California, which are sequoias, and said to be the oldest living things on earth.

Two notable specimens are The Founders Tree, 365 feet tall, and considered the tallest tree in the world, over 1000 years old. Another of note is named the General Sherman, in Giant Forest, said to be the oldest and largest thing on earth, with a diameter of 36 feet and perhaps 4,000 years old.

The South American Pine is seen on an issue of Chile in 1948 (AP31). Ecuador has given us an Andean scene (A139) and this 2c stamp shows the most useful tree, the eucalyptus, which produces a gum for commercial use. The Republic of Panama in 1936 shows its Guayacan tree, the flowers of which glow yellow against the blue sky and last many days (A68).

South and Central America are noted for the production of the golden fruit of the banana tree and it is possible to see it on stamps of Colombia (AP4) and the Dominican Republic (A84). Harvesting being done on a stamp of Costa Rica (A73).

The Psalmist has told us "the righteous shall flourish like the palm tree", and he was likely referring to the date palm, which has so many uses for the Eastern people, the fruit providing food, wine, vinegar and honey.

The Traveller's Palm of North Borneo is depicted on a 2c red and black stamp (A 52). It is known to grow to 30 feet and bears banana like leaves which hold rainwater, and are a help in saving the lives of those who travel in desert like spots.

In this same British Protectorate we also see a coconut grove (A89), source of local wealth.

The Royal Palms of Brazil attract much attention (A144). An imposing sight is a row of these magnificent trees with their white trunks and arching green tops towering nearly 100 feet from an avenue in the Botanical Gardens of Rio de Janeiro. A single ancestral tree, said to have been planted there early in the 19th century is known as "The Mother of all Palms".

We find palms on Cuba's issue (A21) of 1899, and also on Congo stamps (A71) and Aitutaki (A18). The Cedars of Lebanon are seen on four stamps of Lebanon, but the best is on 1945 airmails (AP25), issued in 1946 in commemoration of the first anniversary of the victory of the Allied Nations of World War II.

On a shelf like plateau, 600 feet above the Mediterranean, the world's oldest Christmas trees stand where they have stood for centuries. These hundreds of magnificent trees that sing of the Nativity were venerated as mon-

archs among trees long before Judah had her first king. Some have a branch circumference of 300 feet.

Thousands of conscripted Hebrews were sent into Lebanon to take to Jerusalem "cedar trees without number" because of the building contracts between Hiram of Phoenicia and King Solomon.

In the Orient it is the cherry tree of Japan that is of gorgeous ornamental beauty when in bloom (A51) issue of 1923. In America lovers of beauty make pilgrimages to Washington especially to view the display of blooms on the Japanese cherry trees around the tidal basin.

Many stamps show olive trees especially the palm olive and olive thorn. In the 1919 issue of the New German Republic we see a 10pf. carmine rose stamp showing the tree that is the source of the olives which are pickled when green and exported, mostly to the United States.

A colorful issue of stamps of the Tonga Islands shows the amazing tropical bread-fruit tree (A18), the fruit of which is similar to the fig but almost the size of a melon. It has a whitish pulp similar to the texture of newly baked bread, and the fruit (A21) is roasted for eating.

Another tree native to the tropics is seen on a postage due stamp (D1) of Camerouns, issued in 1925. Here we see natives felling an Ebony Tree noted for its hard wood, mostly black. Various species are other colors, but it is the black that is sought after for use in designing mathematical instruments for which a high polish is required.

A New Caledonia issue has a Mangrove tree pictured on the shores of the harbor of Noumea. The Mangrove has large leathery leaves similar to the Magnolia of U. S. The flowers are also somewhat like the latter, of which there are dozens of varieties, especially in the South, where it is called tulip or white wood, and the mountain magnolia is in reality a cucumber tree.

The Pandanus which belongs to the screw pine family is seen on Gilbert Island stamps (A5).

This lovely tree (A5) seems to be sheltering his Royal Majesty, King George VI. It is so named for the spiral growth of its leaves.

Salvador has the Balsam Tree (A112) from which comes a gum used in medicinal preparations. It does not yield its valuable product until after reaching its age of 25 years, then the tree is tapped and treated much the same way as the rubber tree.

We see natives tapping rubber trees on a stamp of Ceylon (A58). In the Straits Settlements we see rubber tapping (OS5) and also the Sago Palm and the Traveler's Palm, described previously (OS2). These are interesting studies, especially the rubber tree from which we get the glutinous gray fluid that is of so much use commercially for water proof products.

Long rows of growing tree fences (Guayacan Tree) are seen in Panama and one is shown on a stamp (A68). The Guayacan is used for fence posts and they take root and make a fence row of trees. The flowering fence is a beauty when in bloom, and a bright yellow in color.

There is one tree to which a tribute has been paid by Cuba, (A110), and is a gesture of friendship called "The Fraternity Tree," located in Havana. A story of interest surrounds it.

Other trees of note are "The Weeping Willows" of St. Helena. The story of course centers around Napoleon Bonaparte when he was "The prisoner on St. Helena".

Chile has given prominence to three trees, one of which is shown on stamp No. C124 (Type AP31) called "South American Pine" the others in the set were the Peumo and the Coquito syrup palm. These are peculiar to that country, hence their inclusion on a 100 pane issue, depicting the flora and fauna of Chile, in 1948.

The pane was divisible into four blocks of 25 different designs. These stamps commemorate the centenary in 1944 of the publication of the first volume of Claudio Gay's Natural History of Chile. The Peumo is a native evergreen, and there it

is called cryptocarya. The syrup palm grows to a great height, and its fruit is often called by the natives "monkey coconuts".

The Araucaria is of the pine family, grows as tall as 150 feet, with cones of unusual width and length. This tree is being cultivated in the southern United States now.

In 1940 New Zealand issued a stamp showing her Giant Kauri Tree. (A92). This is a tall stately sub-tropical tree useful for its lumber and is quite valuable for that reason. An oil is extracted from it used in varnish.

Another great tree is the Baobab, and it is shown on stamps of Eritrea, (A16). It is one of largest trees known, with limbs reaching 30 feet in diameter although the height is comparatively small. It produces a large woody fruit, with a bark that yields a fiber from which rope is made.

In Sierra Leone we see the Kola along with palms (A11) and in South Africa we find the Orange Tree (A9 and 10), while in Seychelles King George V seems to be reclining near a Coco-de-Mer Palm (A9).

A famous tree of interest is on a stamp issued in 1936 by Australia, (A22) and is connected with the country's history as the "Proclamation Tree". It too carries an interesting story.

Jamaica has shown on her stamps Cocoa palms (A33) Bananas (A39), a citrus grove (A40), and even a Bamboo Walk (A44). A coconut plantation is shown by British Solomon Islands, while British Honduras shows Chiclé Tapping (A16) and a Cohune Palm (A17).

On Dominican Republic stamps, we see natives picking limes, and Iraq tells us that her Date Palm (A6) is called her "Tree of Life".

To add just a bit of levity to an erstwhile dull subject we may pause and ask why not a "Lynch Tree" for such does exist in Virginia's tradition? The spot of this legendary tree has often been pointed out to this collector when going to the Lynch post office which derived its name from the story of the "Lynch Tree". Trees seem to come very close

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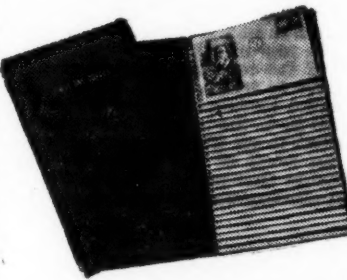
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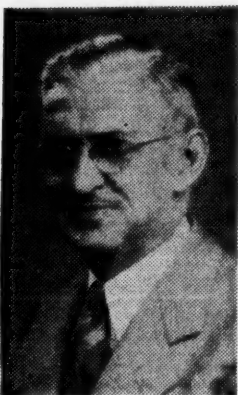
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Six Miles From Town

In addition to such other news as has come from the A.P.S. Convention held in Houston, Texas on September 23 to 26, we are told by dealers who made up the bourse that this feature was a very unsatisfactory part of the event.



GEORGE W. LINN

Quoting one prominent and well known dealer regarding the bourse "Most of the boys just sat there waiting for the crowds which never came. The surroundings were sumptuous, the bourse and auction room air conditioned, but the boys just never will learn that when they hold a stamp show, it should be in the city and not six miles from a town. The Shamrock is six miles from the center of Houston."

Dissatisfaction over any matter connected with these national stamp conventions is something that must be avoided if the conventions are to be successful as they are now and have been operated. Were this merely a convention for the meeting of the membership for the election of officers and to attend to the business of the society it would make little difference where the convention was held, but so long as the societies are intent on making a show out of their annual meeting and charging bourse table renters a substantial price for their tables, and also putting on at great expense a stamp display and also handling an auction, for which privilege the auction dealer is doubtless assessed a fee, it should be the first consideration of the management of the convention that the location of the event will be such as to attract the greatest number of people.

Most dealers who patronize these events do so with the expectation of doing a profitable business, also with the thought that they can meet some of their customers from various parts of the country and also that they can perhaps make some new and worthwhile contacts for future business. None of this is possible unless the rooms are pretty well filled with people, and you just can not expect to find a lot of people where they aren't. In other words, you have to have your show where the people are, you have to take your show to the people and not expect the people to travel to your show.

All America has read ever since the famous Shamrock hotel was opened, about what a magnificent place it is, but few perhaps realized that it was practically out in the sticks in so far as Houston is concerned.

The Houston committee perhaps never gave it a thought as to what sort of local attendance they might have with the show on the fringe of the city, but this is a matter that will have to be considered in future shows if they are to succeed, for it is certain that dealers who attended this event will want some assurance in the future that there will be an effort to locate the show where it will draw as much local patronage as possible.

On the other hand, we might also understand the fact that a city located as Houston is, is so far away from any large number of the society members, that attendance at such a convention is certain to be much smaller than if held in any of the larger cities in the northern midwest or eastern part of the country. Dealers who look for business at such events will have to weigh all the various problems that go to make up a successful business trip and make their plans accordingly, likewise it should be to the interest of the societies concerned that they make some effort to see that the local committee has sufficient knowledge about an event of this nature to assure those who will attend from a distance that everything possible will be done to assure a thoroughly satisfactory meet from every angle.

Efficiency ??

Some time ago we mentioned the name of a Canadian post office which was composed of five words, as being an unusual postal marking and as is always the custom, many readers sent a cover there to get the cancellation. We understand that such covers were returned with the information that cancellations could not be applied because the Post Office Department forbids such service to collectors.

Mr. Howard K. Thompson of Boston, wrote the Department at Ottawa and inquired about the matter and received the following reply.

"Your letter of the 7th September, and the enclosure of a newspaper clipping, have been referred to me for attention.

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It is presumed that the ruling as pointed out in this letter is for efficiency and to help the small office operate in a better manner, but if we note that the letter from the Department admits that when a name is publicized in a stamp paper such as ours, many letters come to the office asking for cancellations. I leave it to you readers that to supply the cancel requested the postmaster merely has to cancel the covers and throw them into the mail but to refuse to do so the postmaster has to send a note back to the person sending the cover, return the cover to him and to do this uses an envelope which the post office has to supply and carry the letter back as official mail for which the Canadian Post Office Department gets no coin of the realm, whereas if the cover were canceled, the stamps on it would be canceled and out of duty and the work involved would not be near so much as is now done to return such letters to the senders. "Efficiency, thou art a jewel" but in this case certainly a counterfeit one.

Growing Pains

Collectors or dealers who are interested in the circulation figures of the leading stamp publications will find sworn statements in the early October issues of most papers. A comparison will tell you the real story. Figures are the average for past 12 months. Ours are still going up, current figure is over 38,225, a steady gain through the summer.

SMILEATELICS.....Bob Rieker



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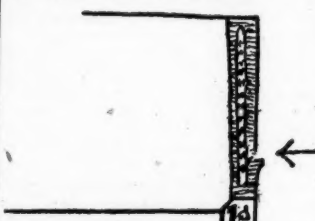
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Several others have seen this stamp and the opinions vary. Thus there is left but one true test. Find another copy to match it. The stamp appears as tho some hard tool perhaps had hit the plate and turned the outer edge to make the defect as illustrated.

We ask all readers to examine every copy of this stamp in their possession and see if a duplicate can be found. In that manner, if a copy is found we will definitely know that this is a damaged plate and is thus a legitimate variety, rather than something that the cat dragged in.

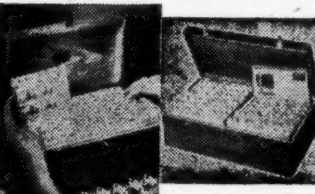
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San Francisco, Calif. will be the scene of the 1954 convention and exhibition of the American Philatelic Society which for the second straight year will favor the western half of the nation with its presence.

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More and more there is evidence that Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield is determined to bring the operation of the Post Office Department to an efficient and business-like status.

As you might or might not have good reason to know, he is chopping away at that more than a half billion dollar annual deficit with vigorous measures. Departments and divisions have been reorganized, new systems installed, non-paying post offices eliminated, and — where it hits the public the worst — various postage fees have been increased.

Since foreign parcel post rates have been upped to nearly double it makes the collector with foreign correspondents think several times before he mails a parcel abroad. These rates will make it practically prohibitive to mail used clothing, food parcels and the like. It will be easier just to send money for those items, but that won't do either in most cases since there is nothing in the stores in lots of countries at any price.

Where it formerly required 5c for a first class letter to a foreign country weighing one ounce, it will now take 8c. If you are not sending anything, just writing a letter, you might as well spend another 2c for an air letter (or aerogramme, if you insist). The air letter will go any where in the world for 10c — to the far places in a matter of hours, where ship mail might take weeks.

You can buy them at your post office, or should be able to. If you consider that a sheet of letter paper and an envelope cost you at least two cents you are far ahead using the air letter for you have a large surface on which you can write your message and it is just as private as though it were in a sealed envelope. And you save time!

I have reported the opinion here of a number of readers to the effect they wouldn't mind the rate raises so much if the franking privilege of various government departments were curtailed or eliminated, and the same for those congressmen who have seriously abused the franking privilege.

That has come to pass. A law is now in effect that the Post Office Department will tender an annual bill to Congress for postage charges. Various government departments which have had the franking privilege will be rendered a bill for postage fees quarterly.

When preparing their budgets department heads will have to include expected postage costs. And, of course, any congressman who floods the mail with doubtful material is going to be exposed and made subject to national condemnation via newspapers and other publications.

The public will continue to foot the postage bill as it has in the past through taxes, but under the new set-up abuse and inefficiency will more likely be spotted. If only our Postmaster General would be as determined in the artistic merits of postage stamp designs, and the selection of persons or events to be commemorated.

Just between us kids, I have a hunch he's going to get around to that one of these days, too, when some of the bigger headaches are modified or eliminated.

1. The "Omaha" set of commemoratives is also known as the — Louisiana Purchase, Pan American, Trans-Mississippi, Alaska-Yukon. Choose one.

2. What two days of national observance have been marked with commemorative stamps?

The "Duck" stamp of 1950 pictured Trumpeter Swans and it was thought for a while that these remarkable birds with the sonorous call would be seen there or on other pictures only, after several years. They were well on the way to extinction.

A recent report from the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Interior Department advises that there are now 577 Trumpeters, an increase of six over last year's survey. If you have a write-up for the 1950 Duck stamp you might include that information.

I learn that friends Joseph Stover and Robert West have started a new weekly stamp paper named "The Philatelic Gazette". I have not seen either of them since the May 29 first day of the Aviation stamp luncheon at Dayton, Ohio

where we ate and shared views.

At that time they might have been thinking of this venture, or the inspiration to become editors and publishers might have hit them all of a sudden.

Joe has been philatelic columnist for Lancaster and Waverly newspapers, and Bob has written free lance on philatelic subjects. Bob also was chairman of the Ohio Sesqui Stamp Committee and designed that commemorative.

The elimination of fourth class post offices continues in the POD's economy move and among recent victims are these with intriguing names: Cape Pole, Alaska; Mountain Rest, Calif.; Tallman, Mich.; Harvard, Iowa.

Two others which had been axed were changed to summer post offices and they are: Ten Mile River, N. Y.; and Horseshoe, N. Y.

Probably not many of you have given any thought to such closings other than that the Department is sorta rambunctious in its economy measures.

It so happens that practically all of these small crossroads mail mills don't even bring in enough to pay the postmaster. Here are some examples, the first figure being the actual receipts of the named office and the other the basic salary of the postmaster:

Agnes, Ga. \$183 and \$685.44
Cotter, Iowa \$606 and \$1762.56
Timken, Kans. \$2006 and \$3128.00
Pomp, Ky. \$440 and \$1327.36
Telegraph, Texas \$260 and \$979.20

On top of that there are other expenses of transportation and supplies.

One of the charges which have long been regarded as rather stupid is the extra few pennies the purchaser of a full roll of coil stamps had to pay over and above the face value.

As for instance this premium was 3c for a roll of 500; 6c for one of 1000; and 18c for the 3000 size — regardless of the denomination. Because it was an almost insignificant financial bite most purchasers bore the pain, or bought a postage meter.

As of October 1, states the September 29 Postal Bulletin, this extra charge will be eliminated and the stamps will be sold at face value.

This coming week end I expect to attend the Convention and Exhibition of the Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society at Davenport, Iowa. That's October 23 to 25. It will be my first visit to a TMPS affair and the first return to Iowa in five years. Anyhow I want to see if the Iowa corn is 70 per cent as good as Ohio's as so many people from out that way brag.

There is a claim, which no doubt will be substantiated with evidence, that the region abounds with fine stamp collections and even finer philatelists.

The hosts are the Quad-City Stamp Club and the official hotel the Blackhawk. The sponsors can credit me with one added attendee, for just this week a stamp fan from Burlington, Iowa visited the office and after I told him about this big philatelic affair practically on his doorstep (well, it's only 90 miles away) he was ready to go.

Just in case you've been putting off the Christmas parcel mailing to someone in the armed forces, or in Uncle Sammy's official family abroad, you'd better hustle to the post office and get the job accomplished.

Christmas Day or one or two before is the time to please the recipient with your remembrance, not a day or week afterwards. Your present on time might be the difference between a heartsick 24 hours, or that same period of time with all the splendor and warmth of the season.

1. Trans-Mississippi.
2. Arbor Day and Mother's Day.

Sassone Catalog For Italian Specialists

The 1951 "Sassone" catalog will reflect marked increases in prices for most Italian stamps, according to P. Ostrow, who has distributed the catalog for a number of years. The Sassone is to Italian collectors what "Scott" is to the American specialist.

The Sassone catalog, while written in Italian, is well organized and illustrated and easy to follow. It lists all Italian countries, including Vatican City and Trieste, and gives space to many errors, varieties, war locals, franchise stamps etc.

Mr. Ostrow, whose address is P. O. Box 121, Elizabeth, N. J. is booking advance orders for the catalog expected to reach this country in 60 or 90 days. Price is \$1.75, post-paid.



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BERMUDA. On November 9 Bermuda will release a new definitive issue of 16 values to one Pound as follows: 1/2d, 1d, 1 1/2d, 2d, 2 1/2d, 3d, 4d, 4 1/2d, 6d, 1/-, 1 1/3, 2/-, 2 1/6, 5/-, 10/- and Pound.

Stamps of the current issue will be withdrawn from sale at the close of business November 7.

GIBRALTAR. October 19 is the release date for a new definitive issue of 14 stamps from 1/2d to the Pound. The values are 1/2d, 1d, 1 1/2d, 2d, 2 1/2d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 6d, 1/-, 2/-, 5/-, 10/- and Pound.

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GAMBIA. A new definitive issue will be released on November 2. There will be 15 values as follows: 1/2d, 1d, 1 1/2d, 2 1/2d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 1/-, 1 1/3, 2/-, 2 1/6, 4/-, 5/-, 10/- and Pound.

Stamps of the current issue will be withdrawn from sale at the close of business on October 31.

ANTIGUA. This colony will release on November 2, a new definitive issue in decimal currency. The 14 values will be—1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 8c, 12c, 24c, 48c, 60c, \$1.20, \$2.40, and \$4.80.

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ROYAL VISITS. Here is a list of the special stamps to be issued to commemorate the visit of Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh:

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MAURITIUS. On November 3, Mauritius will release a new value (15c) and new designs with the portrait of Queen Elizabeth as follows: 4c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 50c and 1R.

The equivalent values will be withdrawn from sale at the close of business on November 2. The 1c value will also be withdrawn from sale at the same time.

QUEEN ELIZABETH. The following stamps have been ordered with the portrait changed; Grenada 6d, Jamaica one Pound, and Montserrat 1c, 2c & 3c.

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Paul Gauguin, Impressionist
From Papeete on the South Pacific island of Tahiti came the above first day cover bearing a reproduction of one of artist Paul Gauguin's most remarkable paintings in the stamp design. In brown, green and red this 14fr commemorative has the artist's "Maori Women" an attention commanding piece of work executed while he "went native" on Tahiti. Inspiration for the stamp's issuance was the 50th anniversary of Gauguin's death which occurred May 9, 1903. First day of issue was September 24, the post office at Papeete using a special cancellation.
It is of quite some interest to know that Paul Gauguin was strictly a "Sunday afternoon painter", one who followed it as a hobby. His living was made as an employee of a bank. However it was inevitable that those of like interests would seek each other out and it was thus that Gauguin made acquaintance with Pissaro, impressionist exponent.
He had been born into a rather conservative family on June 17, 1848 in Paris. His father was a successful journalist, the mother a gentle woman of Peruvian descent. It seems that the grandparents of both sides of the family shared in the youth's upbringing for some early years were spent at Lima, Peru and others at Orleans, France.
Beginning in 1865 he spent six years at sea returning in 1871 to a banking career and marriage to a Danish lady.
He soon achieved a reputation with his simple and forceful presentation of the rocky Breton landscape and became founder of the Port Aven school. He passed much time with Van Gogh in the south of France painting the figures and landscapes, his most notable pieces of this period being a self portrait and the "Yellow Christ".
Disgust with European civilization drove him to Tahiti where from 1891 to 1893 he lived the life of a native. Here Gauguin painted a considerable number of Tahitian subjects which when exhibited at Paris some time later were a sensation. For two years he returned to the white man's way of life but again in 1895 the South Pacific claimed him and there he remained until his death May 9, 1903 on the Isle of Dominique.
Gauguin rejected all dogma in art and claimed the right for all to see nature in his own perspective and temperament. Although according to accepted standards his art lacks beauty both in line and color it is prized for its decorative quality.
(The cover above was received from Pierre A. Cubells, 2 Rue des Gravières, Soissons (Aisne) France).

DID-YA-KNO
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'TIS SAID
by "S. Q. LAPIUS"

1. A widely read syndicated column states that a piece of skin no bigger than a postage stamp contains three million cells, one yard of blood vessels and four yards of nerves. Now a stamp collector can measure the intensity of dislike when his better (or bitter) half remarks that his stamps give her a pain in the neck. Just suppose she was built like a giraffe.
2. The great musician Mozart, shown on the stamps of Austria and Germany had a reversed keyboard on his piano in which the black keys were white and the white ones were black. My "ole Mammy" told me long ago that life was like a piano where the black and white worked, each in his own place, to produce "The Master's Harmony" rather than Faust's Eternal Political Chaos. She didn't know her alphabet and, though surnamed Washington, she had never been there.
3. The ancient Chinese and Assyrians used thumb marks as positive guarantees of the authenticity of messages. A cousin of the man shown on stamp design A133 of Ecuador first devised a system of classifying but the man shown on Czechoslovakia A76 was the first to note that there was a system to the whorls and ridges. (See below)
4. The celebration of Christmas on the date that is now universal among most Christians was first observed at the church shown on the Italian stamp SP4, about the middle of the 4th century. Prior to that time it had four other dates. (See below)
5. A bronze bust of Bolivar, called the liberator of South America, is placed on Bolivar Peak, 16,425 feet up on a mountain of Venezuela. He appears on the stamps of that country and one of their monetary units is called a Bolivar.
6. A well known columnist (not philatelic) says that the man shown on Paraguay design A94 and AP38 simultaneously married seven sisters but doesn't explain why or how. If true then he only had one mother-in-law which is one more than the man who is shown on Belgium A70. (See below)
7. The United States President shown on US design A295 at the age of 41 publicly advertised for a wife, specifying a woman of simple tastes, with beauty unnecessary and prettiness not de-

SPECIAL EDITIONS
Various dealers will want to time some of their advertising to appear in conjunction with the special editions of Linn's Weekly Stamp News sponsored by different specialist groups. These editions are always the last one of each month and contain a splendid amount of information about the particular country or specialty.
The next four editions of a special nature are as follows:—
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sired. She got him - or vice versa. Recent historians claim his marital strategy was due to the brain of a Maryland spinster, Cherchez la femme. (See below)
8. The explorer shown on Canada A36 is said to have brought the cabbage to the New World. Some claim there is usually an abundant crop of cabbage heads at the eastern end of Pennsylvania Ave., in Washington and others say that it is just vice versa.
9. The eagle eye and painstaking research of a religious topical collector notes that the foot of the Blessed Virgin Mary appears on the U.S. Columbian issue design A77. The design was taken from a painting on which a tapestry on the wall in the background portrays the scene of the Crucifixion. The stamp design was reduced in size leaving only a portion of the tapestry between the heads of the king and queen on the stamp.
10. The waterfall shown on A157 of Argentina and A150 of Brazil has a greater flow of water during the rainy season than the waterfall shown on our U.S. design A171. (See below)
3. Ecuador - Charles R. Darwin; Czechoslovakia - Jan Evangelista Purkyně.
4. St. Maria Maggiore (St. Mary Major).
6. Paraguay - Domingo Martinez de Irala; Belgium - Adam.
7. Ulysses S. Grant.
10. Argentina - Iguassu Falls; Brazil - Iguassu Falls; United States - Niagara Falls.

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Change Design Of
Mexican Airmail

Collectors of Mexican stamps, and airmail specialists, are being given an active time by Mexico. Newest instance is the re-engraving of the 25c denomination of the current series which pictures two masks.



Dr. William A. Bork of Mexico City has submitted a copy of the re-worked design and has pointed out some of the variances from the previous printing plate. Dr. Bork claims that practically all the lines have been made heavier plus which there are some smaller not so noticeable changes.

The shading on the right end of the triangular pedestal holding the masks (lower right corner of the design) is the simplest identification of the newest stamp. This area has an edge which on the old was made of straight lines running diagonally — on the new, there is a cross hatching.

The dark triangular area of this right end is now definitely composed of cross hatching where previously the vertical lines of it were dim. The new one also shows the shadow of the teeth of the right mask in sharper outline and the teeth themselves are sharply defined.

Dr. Bork claims the very first printing of this design was in a brown or red brown. Then came a quantity with a pale orange color, while the current are deep red brown. The orange will be the scarcest.

It is expected that other stamps of the airmail series will be re-engraved. Also, a conversion of all the denominations to the paper watermark "MEX MEX" and eagle in circle, is being made. This paper was first used for the Hidalgo commemorative set.

21st Edition Of
F. D. Cover Catalog

Now in its 21st edition is the "United States Specialized Catalogue of First Day Covers — 1954". It is published by the Washington Press, 43 William St., Newark 2, N. J. at 50c per copy. Compilation and editing is the work of Leo August.

Covers are priced bearing singles and blocks, or for coils, pairs. Listings include all the airmails, all the airmail stationery, the commemoratives from the Pan Americans on, the regulars beginning with the 1922-26 series, the stamped envelopes beginning with the Bi-Centennials, postal cards, special delivery and special handling.

The only non-U. S. presentation is for the United Nations issues in full.

Information includes the first day city or cities and the quantity of covers cancelled, the first day date and where there is a difference, a picture of the postmark used for the occasion.

Added features are "An Introduction to First Day Cover Collecting" and "Directions for Securing First Day Covers". There are 60 pages in this catalog bound between heavy card covers.



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CANADA NO. 3070

From Rev. Lazlo Borsay of Delhi, Ontario we learn that the office number 3070 is for Green Valley, Ontario. However this place never used precancels!

And from Chas. Metz of Philadelphia we note that this is an ERROR for 3470. No. 3470 is of course London, Ontario.

This item appears only on the 1937 issue and only on the 1c and 2c value. Checking the Canadian catalog we find these items listed. They are priced at moderate prices for errors so there must be enough of them around to fill most collectors needs.

From a lot

Not every lot of precancels shows up items like the following. First I noticed some City Type Prexy coils from Harrisburg, Pa. This is one of the old timers still in action. One wonders too, because there are also Bureau Prints aplenty from Harrisburg.

How about this item. 20c Prexy from American Falls, Idaho. Some 1½c Prexies from Hillsboro, Ind. This is still the old wide type, out in the metal handstamp style of U-121. Must have some 3c Defense Bureaus at Dayton yet. One in this lot and the stuff is none of it too old.

How about a 50c Elsinore, Calif., U-120n type. President issue of course. Pomeroy, Ohio is a town that is not by any means scarce but you never see more than one at a time. One here on the 1c Prexy. And for a nice 1c Prexy how about Spearfish, South Dakota. This is an old rubber handstamp type but it still can be read.

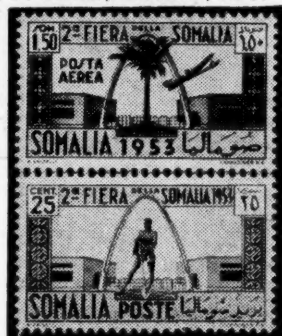
2c, 10c and 25c from KULM, N. Dak., all Prexies. To finish up a 1c Prexy from Santa Ana, Calif. in a U-121n type. Santa Ana also uses 1c Bureaus. Wonder why the handstamp?



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 Oct. 24—Chauncey R. Wright, 119 Harvard St., Rochester 7, N. Y. U. S. airm. ducks, parcel post, regulars and BNA.
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 Oct. 27—W. E. Baker, Lake Mary, Fla. United States, British Commonwealth, General Foreign, Precancels.
 Oct. 27—Martin Sellinger, 116 Nassau St., New York 38, N. Y. United States, Foreign, Collections, Wholesale.
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 Nov. 15—J. E. Rasdale, 506 E. Walker, St. Johns, Mich. U. S. British Colonies, Airm. Specialized Countries.

Issue Four For
Somaliland Fair

Italian Somaliland's Swiss-printed four-value set to commemorate Somalia's Second Fair was placed on sale September 28, according to P. Ostrow, Elizabeth, N. J.



The set consists of 25c and 60c postal values and 1.20 and 1.50 Somali airmails. The postal values show a native cultivating a garden between two modern homes. The airmails picture the same two homes with a palm tree between them and an airplane coming in at the background.

The stamps were printed by the Swiss firm of Courvoisier, whose name appears in the lower right margin of each stamp. The name of the designer, A. Calbelli, appears in the lower left.

The Somalia Mandate Government issued a special first-day cover, with a special first-day commemorative cancellation.

Busy Month For
Japan Collectors

Announced by the Philatelic Agency, Tokyo Central Post Office, Tokyo, Japan are the two new stamps which bring attention to Ise-Shima National Park released October 2. In denominations of 5 yen red and 10y blue they picture Futamigaura Beach and a scene on the Nakiri Coast respectively.

These same two were reproduced in a souvenir sheet bearing one copy of each in a quantity of 200,000.

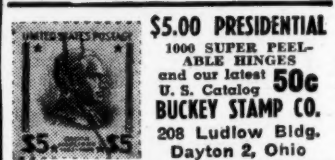
Issued on September 15 was the 100 yen addition to the definitive series picturing cormorant fishing. It replaced the denomination of like value.

October 12 saw the appearance of a set of two marking the return of the crown prince from his overseas visits. Denominations are 5 and 10 yen depicting a "Hoo-o" (a happy Phoenix bird), and a crane.

To come on October 22 are two 5 yen stamps set tenant in the sheet of 20 for the Eighth National Athletic Meet in the Shikoku District. Designs are a judo demonstration, and a rugby football scene.

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for the Scandinavian nations,
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stamps of this area. Its selling price
will be 2.50 Kroner plus postage.

Organize Stamp Club
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Howard F. Shaffer was elected
the first president of the newly or-
ganized Chambersburg, Pa. Stamp
Club when the group assembled for
its first formal meeting recently.
Other officers are vice president
Irving Wines, and secretary Mrs.
John Tiley.

Meetings for the present are
scheduled for the homes of various
members the last Tuesday of the
month. They are open to inter-
ested persons.

Polonus Exhibition
At Chicago In March

Chicago's Polonus Philatelic So-
ciety will celebrate its 15th anni-
versary next March 5 to 7 with
an exhibition and bourse at the
Polish Falcons Hall.

According to general chairman
Anthony Banasiak, 5526 S. Kolmar
Ave., Chicago 29, Ill. there will
also be the usual Beebe, plus ex-
hibition seals and an auction. The
general public is invited to at-
tend.

SEEBECK

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products of the kind in demand in
those countries. Moreover, the il-
literacy rate was discouragingly
high in the 1890's in the republics
mentioned.

Obviously no possible space buy-
er could be interested, and the
scheme was abandoned. Anyway
there is no evidence in the exist-
ence of used copies with advertise-
ments to prove such stamps were
sent to Ecuador and did actual
postal service.

In the past ten or twelve years
I have written at least eight arti-
cles on the Seebeck stamps of
Ecuador. And here is a piece of
information I never published be-
fore. If the Seebecks were ever de-
monetized in Ecuador, that fact
apparently was forgotten by postal
workers. For thousands of the re-
prints reached Ecuador and were
accepted as valid for the pay-
ment of postage, and probably still
are.

The American stamp press used
to report quite often of a Seebeck
being employed to pay the postage
on a letter to the United States.
Of course that Seebeck was a re-
print. I have in my collection a
piece of wrapper of a registered
parcel to the U. S. that was pre-
paid with four of the high-value 5-
sucres reprints of the 1896 issue,
together with a 10-centavos of the
Columbus Society set. The post-
marks are dated October 30, 1935.

These Seebeck Ecuadorian re-
prints, have been used in such
great numbers to pay postage,
their status is that of postally
used reprints. And one can find
them with authentic cancellations
in stocks of dealers and in collec-
tions.

Having remarked on the illiter-
acy that once prevailed in the
countries named, it is only just to
state that there has been a cam-
paign for adult education in Ecu-
ador since 1946. Every educated
person was charged with the duty
of teaching at least one adult to
read and write. Students even
went into jails and formed classes,
and many towns established night
schools for adults.

Three sets of regular postage
stamps and three sets of airmails
have been issued by the govern-
ment to publicize the educational
drives.

Mexico Releases
'53 Christmas Seal

Mexico has already issued its
1953 Christmas Seal funds from
the sale of which are devoted to
anti-tuberculosis work. According
to Dr. William Bork of Mexico City
this early release is prompted by
the desire to get them in the hands
of the children before the annual
vacations which begin in mid-November.



It is one of the world's few seals
which incorporates a denomina-
tion in its design, in this instance
10 centavos. Previously the selling
price was 5c.

This current item in deep green
and red pictures a child holding a
primer with an adult hand ex-
tended above its head, a poinsettia
and the Cross of Lorraine. A trans-
lation of the wording is "National
Committee for the Struggle
Against Tuberculosis".

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★ Doings

In their forthcoming series of
Fall and Winter mail auction sales
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will offer some general and spe-
cialized collections running to ap-
proximately 100 volumes of
stamps. Besides that various in-
dividual lots will cover most of
the world's major stamp issuing
nations. Catalogs of the various
sales are free on request.

The third 1953 edition of the Stan-
ley Gibbons, Inc. Price List of
United States, Possessions, Philip-
pine Islands and British North
American Stamps can be obtained
from them at 38 (L) Park Row,
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ings are for plate blocks, blocks,
singles in mint and used, and
where they exist, various position
pieces, plus stationery, etc.

Ralph Hoffman, 439 Race St.,
Cincinnati 2, Ohio has recently pur-
chased a philatelic accumulation
which took one of the giant size
moving vans to haul it away. As
the opportunity offers, he will ad-
vertise this material for sale. In
this current edition his ad pre-
sents various mint sets of Belgium
in the commemorative, airmail
and semipostal categories.



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- Oct. 19—Murray Simcock & Co., P. O. Box 4084, Normandy Br., Miami Beach 41, Fla. U. S. incl. sheets, proofs, wholesale.
- Oct. 23-25—SSECAL 1953, Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern Calif., Elks Club, Los Angeles.
- Oct. 24-25—New Castle Stamp Club, New Castle, Pa.
- Oct. 23-25—Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society, Davenport, Iowa, Quad-City Stamp Club hosts.
- Oct. 24-25—Roosevelt Philatelic Society, Englewood Masonic Temple, Chicago, Ill.
- Oct. 30, 31, Nov. 1—American Philatelic Congress, Hotel Robert Treat, Newark, N. J.
- Oct. 31-Nov. 1—Dayton Philatelic Society, Miami Hotel, Dayton, Ohio.
- Oct. 24-25—Wilkinsburg Stamp Club, VFW Home, 726 Ross Ave., Wilkinsburg (Pittsburgh), Pa.
- Nov. 6-7—Pueblo Stamp Club, 101 S. Grand, El Paso, Texas, El Paso Stamp Club hosts.
- Nov. 7-8—Collectors Club of Grand Junction, Colo.
- Nov. 11-17—Associated Stamp Clubs of the Chesapeake Area, Department of Commerce Auditorium, Washington D. C.
- Nov. 14-15—Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies, Richelieu Hotel, San Francisco.
- Nov. 14-15—Ravenswood Stamp Club, Pinalia Hall, 4315 Lincoln Ave., Chicago, Ill.
- Nov. 15—Hempstead Stamp Club, American Legion Home, Hempstead, N. Y.
- Nov. 19-21—FLOREX, Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs, Hotel Angelbilt, Orlando, Fla.
- Nov. 21-22—CORNPX, Corn Belt Philatelic Society, Illinois Hotel, Bloomington, Ill.
- Nov. 21-22—Suburban Collectors Club, Hinsdale Community House, Hinsdale, Ill.
- Nov. 22-Dec. 16—Muskegon Stamp Club, Hackley Art Gallery, Muskegon, Mich.
- Nov. 27-28—New Mexico Philatelic Association, Pueblo, Colo.
- Nov. 28-29—Rubber City Stamp Club, Mayflower Hotel, Akron, Ohio.
- Dec. 4-6—Chicago Philatelic Society, Floristine Room, Congress Hotel, Chicago, Ill.
- Dec. 12—Convair Fort Worth Stamp and Coin Club, Convair Recreation Assoc. Bldg., Fort Worth, Texas.

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and first day covers of Israel which
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ITALIAN

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to the sky with the cave beyond.
In it is a reclining figure of the
saint clothed in a golden robe, the
gift of royalty.

The remains of St. Rosalia are in
her chapel in the Cathedral of Pal-
ermo in a silver casket (1400
pounds) which is shown to the
public three times a year.

During the four day festival in
July her relics are carried through
the streets of Palermo in a car-
riage several stories high.

The Grape Picker — Puglia
(30 L) — Puglia is in a section of
southern Italy to the east, the "heel
of the boot", with Bari as the prin-
cipal city.

Castel del Monte. This is to the
south of Andria on the summit of
Murgie di Minervino, the favorite
and most impressive of the abodes
of Frederick II, who frequently
resided here for hawking. It is
octagonal in shape, with eight tow-
ers, and has been ranked with the
Colosseum in splendor.

Its extreme breadth is 167 feet,
enclosing a courtyard 57 feet
across. It was also the abode of
Manfred, and his widow and child-
ren were imprisoned here by
Charles of Anjou.

It was built by the order of Fred-
erick II about 1240, its walls being
100 feet high and eight feet thick.
The vaulted ceiling and marble
archway are reminiscent of classic
art. Sculptured ornaments are by
the Pisan school.

Robert Giuscard tore down the
Lombard tower on this site, and
built a castle here. Whether Fred-
erick demolished the old castle and
completely rebuilt, or merely en-
larged and rebuilt the original
castle is not known.

The Olives — Basilicata (35 L)
— Basilicata in the central section
of southern Italy, is the "arch" of
the "boot" on the Gulf of Taranto,
between Puglia and Calabria.

The Greek Temples at Meta-
ponto. A little to the northeast of
Metaponto are the ruins of the
ancient Greek city of Metapontum,
founded about 700 B. C. by an
Achean colony. Here Pythagoras
lived the latter part of his life, dy-
ing in his 90th year about 497 BC.

Close by in 1828 the Duc de
Luyne excavated the remains of
a Doric temple, surmounted by a
beautiful frieze, which was brought
to the Cabinet des Medailles, Paris.
The temple has since been pil-
laged for stone to use in building
houses.

About two miles away at La
Tavola dei Palladini is another
Doric temple of which 15 columns
are still standing. Mosaics found
in these ruins led to the belief that
it was a temple to Demeter or Ceres.
It was surrounded by a wall by the
Italian Government to protect it.

The Winecart — Lazio (40 L) —
Lazio or Latium, is in the west
central section of Italy, with its
principal city, Rome.

Roman Aqueduct. There were
14 aqueducts bringing water into
Rome in ancient times. One was
constructed by Appius Claudius 313
BC. The famous Claudian Aqueduct
was constructed by Emperor
Claudius 52 AD, bringing water
from Subiaco, 42 miles away.

The Anio Novus by Claudius
brought water from the Anio, 52
miles away. Inscriptions record
their construction by Claudius 52
A. D. and their restoration by Ves-
pasian 71 A. D. and by Titus 81
A. D.

The total length of all the aque-
ducts of Rome was 360 miles, sup-
plying Rome with more water per
capita than any other ancient city.

The dome of St. Peter's. This is
the work of Michaelangelo, who
remarked to those who compared
the drawings to the Dome of the
Cathedral of Florence — "Larger,
but not more beautiful". Its
height to the top of the cross is
435 feet. The bronze ball on top
is eight feet in diameter and can
hold at least 16 people.

Michaelangelo completed the
drum for the Dome and left behind
him models and drawings for the
completion of the work to the lan-
tern. It is based on the ideas by
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in the construction of the Dome of
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SEA-BOUND ISE-SHIMA NATIONAL PARK was the subject of Japan's two newest National Parks stamps released October 2. The 5 yen red pictures the "Wedded Rocks", the 10y blue the Namikiri Seashore. Kyohei Maeno designed the former, Takeshi Tsunajima the latter with both being produced by photogravure in quantities of four million each. There are 20 stamps to each sheet (4 x 5). Covers were received through Riichi Yoshida, 3-3600 Mejiro, Toshi-ma-ku, Tokyo, Japan, and the Japan Postal Cultural Asso., Ministry of Postal Services, Azabu Sta., Tokyo, Japan.

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AUSTRALIA — On November 11 a 3 pence stamp will be placed on sale at all Australian Post Offices, to mark the centenary of the first Tasmanian stamps, and will remain on sale for approximately one month. Postmaster General Hubert L. Anthony has revealed that the stamp will be vertical in format, in sheets of 120, reproducing the first 4 pence stamp of Tasmania (Van Diemen's Land) portraying the young Queen Victoria.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA — Artia Ltd., has announced the following issues were released during September: a Julius Fucik set, issued September 8 with values of 40 and 60h.; a Miners' Day with values of 30 and 60h., issued September 10, and on September 16 and 30h. "Air Transport" post cards.

DENMARK — According to information from the Postal Philatelic Agency this country issued new 65 ore pearl-gray and 95 ore red orange stamps of the King Frederik IX type on October 15.

FRANCE — The literary greats of France continue to be honored on special postage stamps. A new 8 franc, dark blue, depicts Celimene in Moliere's "Le Misanthrope" while a 12 franc green and lilac shows Beaumarchais' "Figaro."

PAKISTAN — The "Scinde Dawk" commemorative set, issued on August 14, is to be withdrawn from sale November 1. No announcement of future Pakistan stamps has been made, according to the Pakistan Stamp Sales Desk in New York.

PHILIPPINES — New 5 and 6 centavo stamps were issued by this Republic on October 5 to mark the visit President Quirino made to Indonesia's President Sukarno. This issue is particularly interesting in that it represents three printing processes — steel engraving, intaglio printing direct from steel plates and surface, printing. There are five basic colors and three blended "hues". President Quirino is shown being greeted by President Sukarno, with their respective flags flying in the background. Beneath the three-quarter portraits are the Philippine and Indonesian words of welcome and good will — "Mabuhay" and "Merdeka," respectively.

UNITED NATIONS — When the United States Post Office Department's new "international" mail rates go into effect next month, it will have its effect upon the United Nations Postal Administration. At the present time, the United Nations does not have an 8c stamp and it is therefore likely that this value will be announced in the near future.

The United Nations has already announced that the rate increases for overseas surface mail will become effective November 1, in view of the postal agreement with the United States Post Office Department under which the United States carries mail for the United Nations.

Palm Beach Club Elects Rice President

Kenneth L. Rice, newly elected president of the Palm Beach, Fla. Stamp Club, reports that the group has had a pleasing number of visitors from among the northerners who are in Florida for the winter season. Meetings are held the first and third Fridays in the Palm Beach High School annex at 8 p. m. H. M. Spellman III is vice president and Harry Bennett, secretary-treasurer.

\$36,000 Price On Fabulous Error

The new owner of one of the world's rarest stamps is a citizen of Toronto, Canada who wants to remain anonymous states Doug Patrick feature writer in the Toronto "Globe and Mail" daily newspaper.

It is the Swedish 3 skilling banco printed in the wrong color obtained by its current possessor for \$36,000 from a dealer in Sweden. Among its previous owners was King Carol of Romania.

This specimen has been called one of the great story-book stamps of all time. It appeared in 1855 and is yellow. Other 3 skilling-bancos of this issue are blue-green.

What must have happened, the experts decided was this:

Sweden's 3-skilling-banco stamp was yellow. A plate used in the printing of 3-skilling-bancos was inadvertently placed on the same press, resulting in a historic misprint.

The discovery of this stamp is detailed in the reference work Stamps of Fame, by L. N. and M. Williams. A Stockholm dealer began offering the equivalent of about \$2 for 3-skilling-bancos in the 1855 issue. It was not known up to that time that the yellow specimen existed.

George W. Backman, a young schoolboy, heard about the offer. When he went on Christmas holidays to his grandmother's home in the country he asked if he could look through some old documents which had belonged to his late grandfather.

Among the papers the boy discovered many stamps in the sought-after denomination. On his return to Stockholm he took them to the dealer. It was then that the misprint was detected.

The dealer, H. Lichtenstein, purchased all the stamps George brought him and paid a special premium for the yellow 3-skilling-banco.

Lichtenstein held the stamp for eight years and then sent it to a Vienna stamp dealer, Sigmund Friedl. Friedl, in turn, sold it for approximately \$1,600 to Count Philipp la Renotiere von Ferrary.

Following the First World War, the French Government confiscated many of Ferrary's assets, including his stamp collection. The collection was offered for sale by auction.

In 1922, the Swedish misprint passed into the hands of Baron Erik Leijonhufvud. He paid \$3,800 for it. Four years later, a Swedish engineer, C. A. Tamm, bought the stamp for a sum close to \$6,000. He then sold it for \$8,000 to Dr. Johan Remberg of Goteborg.

In 1937 a London stamp dealer sold the 3-skilling-banco for \$20,000 to a collector whose identity was kept secret for 13 years. It was King Carol of Romania.

By 1951 it was up for sale again. It was purchased for close to \$30,000. The purchaser's name was not revealed.

This small yellow stamp was used in 1855 to cover postal charges of a few cents. It now ranks with the costliest curiosities in philately.

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A cooperative effort on the part of the Manitowoc Philatelic Society and the Manitowoc, Wis. Chamber of Commerce will result in a cachet for the first flight November 1 of the North Central Airlines from the recently dedicated local airport.

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The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of World War I — stands immediately in front of the amphitheatre. Engraved thereon are these simple words "Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known but to God."

Another National Memorial here is "Lee Mansion", the white colonnaded home of Robert E. Lee of Civil War fame — it adjoins the cemetery.

(Background material on the stamp designs are continued under "Our Famous Americans" even though in instances neither Americans nor persons are involved).

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Columbus Exhibition In Late February

William McLaughlin, general chairman of the Columbus, Ohio Philatelic Club's annual exhibition has announced that this season's display is scheduled for February 20 and 21 in the ballroom of the Southern Hotel.

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North Hudson Annual Card Party November 20

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